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March 26, 1980

To: STI faculty members

- Bob Arthur
- John Barbone
- ✓ Marge Ragona
- Nancy Wilson

From: STI Dean, Jeff Pulling

Re: Grading the 1980 Proficiency Exams

The exams are already starting to come back in, and your assistance is welcome and needed anytime now for the next month. I still have not heard from Marge and John which exams you want to read and what times you are available.

Each of the non-objective tests has to be separately evaluated by two of us, and then the candidate's score will be an average of the two grades given. This includes OT Exegesis (Deuteronomy), NT Exegesis (Luke), Sermon Construction, History of Christian Thought, Counseling, Worship, Inreach/Outreach, and Administration.

In order to avoid writing comments on the exams sheets themselves (which might bias the second reader) and in order to provide material for the detailed critique that we have to send to each candidate that fails, I have devised an evaluation worksheet for each of the exams. On this worksheet are guidelines for evaluating this particular exam, how much each question is worth, etc. So for each individual exam you read, you will fill out a separate "Evaluation Worksheet" where you will indicate the score you are giving and write your comments. If you have any questions or problems, Pepper and I are here to help.

I will be out of town next week (Holy Week) and for Western Ministers Conference, but Pepper will be here. If you want to come in on weekends when we are not here, we can arrange getting a key to you.

As I told you before, there is a \$100 honorarium this year for faculty readers because there are so many more exams to grade.

Let's get going. We have to have everything finished by the week of April 21.

Jeff

1980 UFMCC PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

A DESCRIPTION

1) UFMCC POLITY

This closed-book exam will be mostly objective with a few short answer and essay questions. It will test the candidate's knowledge of the government, structure, and history of the UFMCC. This will be based upon the current UFMCC By-Laws (revised 1979), the book The Lord Is My Shepherd (the historical portions related to the founding of MCC), and the brochure "The Universal Fellowship Today". Condensed versions of The Lord Is My Shepherd are available from STI for \$2.00.

2) BIBLE

This exam will be divided into four parts: Old Testament Exegesis (20%), New Testament Exegesis (20%), Bible Content (30%), and Sermon Construction (30%). Both of the exegesis sections will be open-book; the candidate will of course use a Bible and is free to bring any textbooks, handbooks, commentaries, and dictionaries she/he wishes. An awareness of different theological positions in Biblical interpretation should be shown by one's choice of resources, and a listing of the resources that one uses is asked for. In Old Testament Exegesis the candidate will choose one of two passages from the Book of Deuteronomy and exegete that passage. Questions to be considered are: What is the meaning of this passage in terms of context (author, audience, message of book, place, time, etc.)? What is the contemporary significance of the meaning of this passage? How could one use it as the basis for a sermon in 1980? In New Testament Exegesis the candidate will choose one of two passages from the Gospel according to Luke and do an exegesis considering the same questions.

The Bible Content section of the examination will be objective questions (multiple choice, fill-in) and closed-book. The candidate will be tested on such areas as the books of the Bible, major Biblical figures and events, location of key passages, etc.

In the Sermon Construction section the candidate will be asked to choose one of a number of hypothetical situations and then do a sermon outline to fit that situation. The candidate will first determine a Biblical passage(s) to use as the basis for the sermon, do a brief exegesis of the passage(s), indicate why it helps to illuminate the situation in which one is preaching, and how one will use that passage(s) in the sermon. Then the candidate will develop a detailed sermon outline with Introduction, Body, and Conclusion. This section will be open-book; the candidate may use any resources she/he desires.

3) HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

This exam will be closed-book and the questions will be essay and short answer in nature. The primary concern is that the candidate understand the Christian faith in its historical development and be able to interpret it in practical teaching situations in the present day. Areas to be covered may include the development of Christian doctrines, sacraments, and worship; major movements and personalities in Christian history; and key terminology in the various traditions of Christianity.

4) PRACTICS OF MINISTRY

The Practics exam will be closed-book and entirely essay questions. It will be divided into four sections: Counseling (20%), Worship (30%), Inreach/Outreach (20%), and Administration (30%). In the Counseling section, the candidate will be asked about the pastoral role in counseling and about specific counseling situations. In the Worship section, the candidate will be asked about the pastoral role in worship services and about the various parts that make up a worship service. In the Inreach/Outreach section, the candidate will be asked about the interrelationship between inreach and outreach and the pastoral role in each. In the Administration section, the candidate will be given hypothetical situations to implement their views of pastoral responsibilities, how the work of a local congregation is carried out, working with staff and committees, conflict resolution, etc.



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Re: Reading and grading the 1980 Proficiency Exams

As you are probably aware, it's that time for the proficiency examinations to be given to all UFMCC ministerial candidates. There are 84 persons signed up to take the exams this year in every District in the U.S., Canada, and Australia. In addition, Spanish-language exams are being this year. The actual dates for the exams are Friday and Saturday, March 21-22. In the weeks following that Pepper and I are going to need your assistance in reading and grading the exams. Because of the increased work load this year with more than twice as many candidates, the faculty reader honorarium will be \$100 rather than the \$50 paid last year. All of the non-objective tests have to be separately evaluated by two readers, and then the candidate's score will be an average of the two grades given.

Please indicate below which exams you will assist in grading and what times you will be available to give to this. I know that all of us have very hectic schedules, but we have to have the exam scores sent back to the candidates by the end of April, along with a detailed critique for anyone who failed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

UFMCC PROFICIENCY EXAMS

1980

- 1) UFMCC POLITY (objective test graded by Pepper)
- 2) BIBLE
 - a) OT Exegesis - Deuteronomy ____
 - b) NT Exegesis - Luke ____
 - c) Bible Content (Objective test graded by Jeff and Pepper)
 - d) Sermon Construction ____
- 3) HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT ____
- 4) PRACTICS OF MINISTRY
 - a) Counseling ____
 - b) Worship ____
 - c) Inreach-Outreach ____
 - d) Administration ____

(over)

AVAILABILITY

Week of March 24-28

Week of March 31-April 4

Week of April 7-11

Week of April 14-18

Week of April 21-25

(signature)



Rev. Marge Ragona

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FACULTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FALL 1979

(Please return in enclosed envelope by September 15)

- 1) What courses would you like to teach (either existing courses listed in STI Catalog, or new ones you want to propose)? STI courses are for 2 credits each and involve 20-25 hours of class-time.

A CHURCH HISTORY - SAMPLE TAPE ENCLOSED
C - INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE -
C - A FEMINIST THEOLOGY
A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Indicate which format you would prefer for each course. Write A., B., C., and/or D. after each course above.

- ☒ A. quarter-long course in residence (one evening/week)
B. intensive summer course in LA
C. intensive extension course anywhere in Fellowship
D. doesn't matter

- 2) What seminars would you like to teach? Samaritan Seminars are for 1 credit each and involve 4 hours of classtime with a follow-up project.

DBA INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE
DBA FEMINIST THEOLOGY

Indicate your intended audience for each seminar above. Write A., B., C., D., E., F., and/or G.

- A. UFMCC clergy
B. UFMCC ministerial students
C. UFMCC lay leaders
D. UFMCC members and friends
E. general gay community
F. general community at large
G. other _____

(more on other side)

I did not fill this in originally, because your letter set out a very circumscribed area in which you considered me equipped to teach. I have enclosed a session to exhorters in Providence.

- 3) Would you like to help prepare the 1980 proficiency exams for ministerial candidates (to be done Sept.-Nov., 1979)?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "Yes", please indicate which tests you would like to work on.

A) BIBLE

Bible Content (objective) ☒
OT Exegesis ☒
NT Exegesis ☒
Sermon construction ☒

B) HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT ☒

C) PRACTICES OF MINISTRY

Counseling ☐
Worship ☐
Administration ☒
Inreach-Outreach ☐

D) UFMCC Polity (By-Laws, history, structure) ☐

- 4) Would you be willing to help plan and execute SAMARITAN SUNDAY 1980 (p.r. and fundraising for STI)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have any creative ideas for Samaritan Sunday?

YES - DON'T HAVE IT IN SUMMER. WORST TIME IN THE WORLD FOR FINANCES, ESP. NORTHEAST.

- 5) Is there anything else you would like to do as a STI faculty member?

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BEGIN SAMARITAN-TYPE PROGRAM IN AUSTRALIA.

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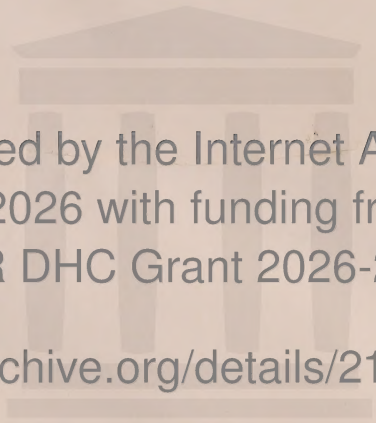
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JEFF: Obviously some of this will have to wait until I get back from Australia. However, I would like to do a seminar - maybe a weekend on Feminist theology + Inclusive language with students before I leave, Also maybe with some churches in the area before I go. We're running out of time - I have about 12 weeks left.

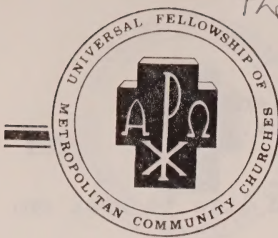
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The Rev. Marjorie Ragona, Resident Faculty

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Aug. 20, 1979

Dear Marge,

STI faculty meeting, Monday evening,
Aug. 27, 7:00 PM.

Also, Tuesday evening, Sept 4, 7:00 PM,
(after Fall Quarter registration) will be
Fall Quarter Program for students and
faculty to get to know each other.

Please try to be at both.

—Jeff



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August 14, 1980

Dear Pastor and Congregation:

Samaritan Theological Institute is growing! As our Resident College begins its 1980/81 school year, we would appreciate your helping us publicize our program of study. Announcements in your church bulletins, a copy of this letter on you bulletin board, and other methods of advertising would be much appreciated.

Our first quarter begins September 4, with Registration from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. A time to share and get acquainted with new students and faculty will follow immediately here on the Los Angeles campus.

This quarter we will be offering the following courses:

MONDAY: CHRISTIAN OUTREACH, with the Rev. Lucia Chappelle
TUESDAY: PUBLIC SPEAKING, with the Rev. Lynn Guerra
WEDNESDAY: INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE, with the Rev. Nancy Wilson
WEDNESDAY: THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS, with the Rev. Scott Gilmer
THURSDAY: OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY, with the Rev. Marjorie Ragona

Classes are held from 7:00 to 9:30 PM beginning September 8, 1980, and last 11 weeks.

Tuition for a unit of credit is \$20; thus the tuition for a two-credit course (all of the above courses are two credits) would be \$40. In addition, every non-degree and degree student pays a registration fee of \$5 per quarter. All students are expected to obtain their own textbooks and other materials for each course. Most textbooks may be obtained through the STI Offices. Auditing students pay \$20 per two-credit course for the privilege of sitting in on the classes.

If you wish further information about the Resident College class calendar or any other assistance, do not hesitate to call upon me here at the school. Copies of our new 1980/81 catalog may be obtained by writing me at the above address or by phone.

We wish you the very best and trust that God will richly bless you and your work.

Sincerely in faith,

The Rev. Pepper Shields
Registrar

PS/cs

REV. Lucia
Chappelle
(Samantha)

MY LIFE IS WONDERFUL

- words Lucia Chappelle

My life is wonderful
My life is wonderful
My life is wonderful
Fashioned by God.
Called into being
My thoughts and feelings
My life is wonderful
Fashioned by God.

Christ the combiner
Example of oneness
Showing the way to me.

Claim your validity
Lift up humanity
our lives are wonderful
Fashioned by God.

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ALUMNI/AE DAY

May 17, 1983

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN IN THE CHURCH: DIALOGUE AND DISCOVERY IN MINISTRY

"Lesbians and Gay Men in the Church: Dialogue and Discovery in Ministry" is the theme of the 1983 UTS Alumni/ae Day, Tuesday, May 17th. Increasingly, churches are facing the theological and ethical challenge raised by the gay community's call for acceptance and full participation in society. We will hear the experiences of lesbians and gay men in the Church and examine this issue in the larger context of the Church's search for an ethic of sexuality. The specific challenges confronting heterosexuals as they seek to relate faithfully to homosexuals will also be explored. We hope this day will prove helpful for Union alumni/ae as you exercise religious leadership in our world.

—SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—

9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. in the Social Hall
COFFEE HOUR

10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M. in the James Memorial Chapel

PANEL DISCUSSION:

"The Experience of Being Gay and Lesbian"

featuring:

The Rev. Paul Abels, SMM '65, Pastor of Washington Square United Methodist Church, NYC. Mr. Abels is one of the few openly gay United Methodist pastors serving in a regular episcopal appointment.

Amy Ashworth, Executive Director of Parents of Lesbian and Gay Men of NYC, is the parent of three sons, two of whom are gay.

The Rev. Ellen M. Barrett, Priest Associate, Church of St. Luke in the Fields, NYC. Ms. Barrett is the only Episcopal priest who was a self-declared lesbian before her ordination.

The Rev. Rene McCoy, an ordained minister in the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Churches and Pastor of Harlem, MCC.

John Eggleston, M.Div.'70, Assistant Development Director for the Metropolitan Opera Association.

The Rev. Thomas J. Philipp, M.Div.'62, Executive Minister, Long Island United Campus Ministry, and Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church of Merrick, Long Island.

Dr. James S. Tinney, Associate Professor of Journalism at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and Pastor of Faith Temple: A Third World Lesbian and Gay Church.

11:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon in the James Memorial Chapel

A MUSICAL/DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

"A Celebration of Life"

by The Rev. Al Carmines

Mr. Carmines, M.Div.'61, composer, performer, playwright and winner of three Obie Awards, the Vernon Rice Award and several Drama Desk Awards, is the founder and Pastor of Rauschenbusch Memorial United Church of Christ, New York City.

12:00 Noon-2:00 P.M. in the Refectory
LUNCH FOR ALL ALUMNI/AE
and
SEPARATE REUNION LUNCHESES

2:00-3:00 P.M. in the James Memorial Chapel

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Sex as a Way of Knowing"

The Rev. Howard Moody

Mr. Moody is Senior Minister of Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village, where he has served since 1956. He was one of the founders of the reform movement of the Democratic Party in New York City and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

3:00-4:15 P.M.

WORKSHOPS

1. Ethical Perspectives on Homosexuality, led by Dr. Beverly W. Harrison, MRE '56, Ph.D. '75, Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary.

2. Conflicts in Denominational Polity, led by the Rev. Robert M. Davidson, M.Div.'53, Pastor of West Park Presbyterian Church in New York City and former Moderator of the General Assembly of the UPCUSA, and William Silver, M.Div.'73, whose candidacy for ordination as an openly gay person precipitated the two year study of homosexuality by the UPCUSA. He is currently doing advertising research.

3. Biblical Perspectives on Homosexuality, led by Dr. Gerald T. Sheppard, Associate Professor of Old Testament at UTS, and Prof. Robert E. Seaver, Professor of Speech and Drama and Counselor to First Degree Students at UTS.

4. Homosexuality and the Black Church, led by the Rev. Rene McCoy, Pastor of Harlem, MCC, and Dr. James S. Tinney, Associate Professor of Journalism at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and Pastor of Faith Temple: A Third World Lesbian and Gay Church.

5. Contemporary Research and Discussion on the Sources of Sexual Orientation, led by Dr. Ann Jordheim, Chairperson, Community Health, St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, NY.

6. When Friends and Family are Gay/Lesbian, led by Amy Ashworth, Executive Director of Parents of Lesbian and Gay Men of NYC.

7. Gay and Lesbian Religious Organizations: Resources for the Church, led by the Rev. Karen Ziegler, M.Div.'79, Pastor of MCC of New York City, and Michael J. Olivieri, President of Dignity, NYC, the gay and lesbian Roman Catholic organization.

4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M. in the James Memorial Chapel

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dr. I. Carter Heyward, Preaching

Prof. Robert E. Seaver, Liturgist

Dr. Heyward, MA '71, M.Div.'73, Ph.D. '80, is Associate Professor of Theology at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. She is the author of *A Priest Forever* and *The Redemption of God: A Theology of Mutual Relation*.

5:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M. in the Social Hall

RECEPTION

6:30 P.M. in the Refectory

ALUMNI/AE DAY DINNER

Presentations of Reunion Classes

President's Report, Dr. Donald W. Shriver, Jr.

REGISTRATION

I plan to attend the following events:

___ 9:00 A.M. COFFEE HOUR

___ 10:00 A.M. THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING GAY & LESBIAN Program

___ 12:00 Noon LUNCH in the Refectory (\$5 per person)

___ 2:00 P.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

___ 3:00 P.M. WORKSHOP No. _____

___ 4:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

___ 6:30 P.M. ALUMNI/AE DAY DINNER in the Refectory (\$8 per person)

Enclosed is \$ _____ for lunch and/or dinner.

Name

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Degree/Class

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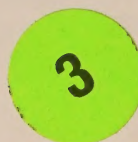
If you are in a reunion class, please circle the reunion you plan to attend:

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ALUMNI/AE DAY

May 17, 1983

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